

**Dolores County
Board of County Commissioners**

March 7, 2022

A regular meeting of the Dolores County Board of County Commissioners was held at the Public Service Center in Dove Creek, Colorado on March 7, 2022. Present for the meeting were Commission Chair Floyd Cook, Vice Chair Julie Kibel, Commissioner Steve Garchar, Attorney Dennis Golbricht, County Administrator Margret Daves and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jody Gardner.

The meeting began with everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests

Assessor Berna Ernst, Deputy Assessor Amber Blackmore, Social Services Director Malynda Evans, Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock, EMS Director Keith Keesling, Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis, Interim Senior Services Director Alisa Schultz, Extension Secretary Oma Fleming, Sheriff Don Wilson, Health Nurse Mary Randolph, Mapping and Addressing Specialist Amber Fisher, HR and Finance Lenore Johnson, Senior Services Administrative Assistant Nita Purkat, CSU Extension Agent Gus Westerman, Treasurer Janie Stiasny, Deputy Treasurer Machel Jones, WCA Construction, West Fork Fire Representative Kevin Lovett, Anyone, N and 970-560-5362

Payroll for February 28, 2021

The following is a list of total payrolls by Department:

County Commissioners:	\$8,822.30	7 Employees		
Commissioner Other	\$621.00		1 Part Time	
County Clerk:	\$3,098.79	3 Employees		
County Treasurer:	\$2,861.29	2 Employees		
County Assessor:	\$3,681.72	4 Employees		
GIS:	\$1,265.56	1 Employee		
County Maintenance:	\$1,805.94	1 Employee	1 Part Time	
County Sheriff:	\$14,871.70	11 Employees	2 Part Time	
County Coroner:	\$420.77	1 Employee		
EMA:	\$1,121.90	1 Employee		
Extension:	\$1,769.82	2 Employees		1 Temp
DCTV:	\$1,265.38		4 Part Time	
Veterans Office:	\$374.59		1 Part Time	
Fair Board:	\$69.26			1 Temp
Senior Services:	\$12,459.75	3 Employees	11 Part Time	
Health & Nurse:	\$3,003.88	2 Employees		
Mandatory Weed:	\$2,164.47	2 Employees	1 Part Time	
R&B Administration Other:	\$23,431.91	19 Employees		
Social Services:	\$9,069.55	6 Employees	2 Part Time	
TOTAL:	\$92,179.58	65 Employees	23 Part Time	2 Temp

Agenda

Commissioner Kibel made a motion to accept the agenda.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Minutes

There were no minutes presented for approval.

Expenditures

Commissioner Kibel made a motion approving payment of the expenditures.
Commissioner Garchar seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Social Services Update

Social Services Director Malynda Evans presented for approval the Record of Proceedings for March 7, 2022 as well as the financial documents through January 2022.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion to accept the above-mentioned documents.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Commissioner Cook was requested to sign a maintenance support contract with A-to-Z Construction to provide maintenance services that may arise at the Social Services building. Attorney Golbricht had previously reviewed the contract.

- Director Evans sat in on a Southwest Opioid Response group meeting. At this time, the issues discussed do not cause concern for Dolores County, however, there could be issues in the future that will need addressed.
- Director Evans has been participating on an Adult Aging legislative committee group. A projection of 1.5-2 million dollars will be spent in Colorado this year on APS services. Funding sources for the mandated non funded services are being sought.
- Employee reviews have been conducted and were turned in to HR.

Resolution #03-22-02 Cancellation of Uncollectible Taxes

The County Treasurer made a request to cancel uncollectible taxes for years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 for the total amount of \$217.03.

Commissioner Garchar made a motion approving Resolution #03-22-02.
Commissioner Kibel seconded the motion.
All three Commissioners voted in favor of the motion.

Department Head Meeting

Treasurer: Janie Stiasny joined via zoom but did not comment.

Assessor: Berna Ernst joined via zoom but did not comment.

Coroner: Aaron Hankins did not join.

Social Services: Malynda Evans provided her update during the 9a.m. Social Services time slot.

DCTV Manager: Kendra Cook did not join.

Maintenance: Steven Stiasny did not join.

Nurse Mary Randolph:

- Prior to the meeting had previously provided the 2021 Annual Public Health Services report to the BOH. Statistics in the report were explained in detail.
- Said that COVID had reached its two-year anniversary on March 5 in Colorado. County COVID stats were shared including vaccination numbers, deaths and hospitalizations.
- Shared that M95 masks and home COVID tests are available while supplies last at the Health Nurse office. Diapers and wipes are also available to families with children.
- Will return approximately \$80,000 in unused COVID funds to the state. ARPA funds will be shared with the Dove's Nest.
- Reminded everyone that childhood vaccinations are available at the Health Nurse office.

Extension and Weed Secretary Oma Fleming:

- Said the Fair Board will review and hopefully accept a bid at the next day's meeting for the insulation installation prep work. The insulation will be installed once the temperatures reach 50 degrees.
- Shared that the Jr. Rodeo dates for this summer have been set. Several fairground rentals are being made.
- Announced that the HPP grant for east of the Dolores River was awarded to assist with spraying costs for participating landowners. A cost share grant was applied for that may provide \$25,000.00 per year for two consecutive years, that would also assist with spraying costs. Commissioner Cook was asked to sign the grant application. Attorney Golbricht reviewed the grant application.
- There was discussion regarding the Forest Service contract for spraying between Bradfield Bridge and the McPhee Dam for the lower Dolores River, Cabin Canyon day use facility and the Ferris Campground was discussed. The Forest Service awards the County \$6,000 annually for weed maintenance in that area. The sheriff's office patrols the area in the summer months and the Road and Bridge department maintains that stretch of road even though the land is in Montezuma County. Dolores County will work with Montezuma County to negotiate an up-to-date contract regarding the facilities.

Senior Services Interim Director Alisa Schultz:

- Reported that staff is working well through the recent changes. February service reports were provided. There were 3288 home meals delivered, including both hot and frozen. That is an average monthly number. There were 2928 congregate meals served, which is down a bit, partially due to weather. Carelink home monitoring service buttons now total 29, which is up. Last month, 192 rides were provided. A normal month is approximately 300+. The highest was 600+. With patience, the numbers should increase. Staffing was an issue, with one driver out due to a loss in the family and another driver unavailable due to a severely ill spouse. Staffing will be increased to better provide those services. Commissioner Kibel requested a breakdown of the types of rides reported by Pier Place.
- Said two interviews were conducted for the open homemaker position. The job will be offered to one of the interviewees today. A parttime dispatcher position is open and is being advertised. The position could again return to a full-time position if needed with adjustments in next year's budget.
- Is looking for a plumber to provide a hot water hookup for the new dishwasher. The boiler is not working at this time and will also be addressed.

Road and Bridge Supervisor Steve Davis:

- Said the recent storm, shut down the gravel hauling project, that will be completed in approximately five days once they can begin hauling again. While conditions are wet, the crew will be blading roads.
- Discussed a potential acquisition of up to five acres from Dave and Amber Fisher for approximately a 12-acre foot storage pond. If awarded the Dollar General contract, a contractor offered to build a pond in trade for fill dirt if the bid is awarded to them. Piping and pond liner could possibly be obtained through emergency management. The secondary water project would fill the pond. The backup water supply would be available for use in emergency situations to the County and the Town of Dove Creek and also for fire suppression purposes.

Clerk and Recorder Lana Hancock:

- Said it is business as usual in her office. The election process is moving along with the caucus and assemblies. Delegates having been chosen.
- Said there are monthly meetings and legislative updates with the Clerk's Association. Weekly meetings are attended with updates on vehicle registration, elections and recording. Changes to the election process are being made due to the numerous threats made to election workers after last year's election.

Sheriff Don Wilson:

- Said that the newly purchased pickup is almost completed with the equipment package install and will be delivered within the next 2-3 weeks.
- Announced that the newly certified deputy is now patrolling on his own.
- Stated that due to the assistance of the Emergency Manager the 2019 grant awarded communication equipment is on its way.

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Extension Gus Westerman:

- Has completed seven workshops since the first of the year.
- Shared that classes are being offered for Private Applicators license renewals and continuing education credits at the upcoming Four States Ag Expo. Take home books and tests will be phased out in the next 18 months.
- Reported that 4-H is still allowing enrollments. Background checks have been completed for three additional leaders and the 4-H sponsored Dog and Cat vaccination clinic will be in April.
- Will be attending a drought preparedness training in Grand Junction for the next three days. Focus is being placed on connecting folks with resources and providing education for proper training.
- Announced that Administrative Assistant Joey Fisher has created a CSU web page as well as an active Facebook page.
- Said broadcasting from DCTV will begin in the near future with the procurement and installation of equipment.

HR and Payroll Director Lenore Johnson:

- Has completed 25 of the outstanding insurance claims from last year's provider. If bills are received, please share them.
- Will wrap up first quarter reports at the end of the month.

Addressing and Mapping Amber Fisher:

- Has submitted address points to Montezuma County's Doug Roth for 911 assistance. Address points were also sent to Active 911. A carry map will be made with all of the Montezuma and Dolores County address points for emergency responders.
- Changed precinct boundaries for Elections per state statute, from four boundaries to one boundary.
- Continues to work with the BLM on the Black Snag culvert and road repair issue.
- Ms. Fisher will begin a project pinpointing all existing culverts within the County's Right of Way with GPS coordinates. Discussed was landowners' responsibility to maintain culverts as stated in the ROW permit.

EMS Keith Keesling:

- Has been working on the Community Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA). Twenty-one of the thirty-two core capabilities have been completed. A meeting will be held next week with the state to finalize the agreement.
- Completed the Southwest All Hazards Regions Homeland Security Grant requesting \$52,340.00.
- Is currently working on updating the County's Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- Shared that emergency management grant funds will potentially be made available by Governor Polis.

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County Administrator Margret Daves:

- Said the West Fork Fire building closed bids will be opened during the afternoon session of the BOCC.
- Discussed a letter of recommendation that will be drafted and sent to the Department of Interior regarding the intended name change of Dolores County's Squaw Point and Squaw Canyon. Suggested alternative names will be discussed and submitted as well. Public input is welcome.

Commissioner Floyd Cook:

- Has attended numerous CCI workshops and legislative meetings via zoom and in Denver.

Commissioner Kibel:

- Commissioner Kibel said a workshop will be held to provide details for the possible Grow Dome.
- Steps for obtaining a possible approval of the NCA are still being taken with regular meetings and workshops.
- The possible tax implementation workshop held on February 28, 2022 went well.
- A Sage Grouse Summit at Western State College in Gunnison will again take place.
- Has been helping the Montezuma County Land Conservancy with reimbursements.
- Attended Dr. Suess Day and read to the grade school students.

Commissioner Steve Garchar:

- Attended 18 meetings last month.
- Said the TPR will address question with CDOT and their costly demands for Right of Way access. A meeting will be held in Durango on Wednesday.
- Reported that 8.3 million dollars will be coming to Colorado for electric car charging stations.
- Gave a weather update on the SNOTEL report and NOAA predictions.
- Attended an Opioid meeting where he was appointed as Vice Chairman.
- Attended Dr. Suess Day and read to the grade school students.
- Attended a DWRF meeting with USFS where discussions regarding conifer burns will begin at Groundhog Lake and go across the county.
- Attended a BLM/RAC meeting where no decisions could be made due to the lack of a quorum.

West Fork Fire Building Bid Opening and Possible Approval

Donald Adams Excavation LLC submitted a base bid in the amount of \$358,438.92. Mr. Adams was contacted at 1:22pm to clarify that the bid amount included the alternate bid amount. A detailed spreadsheet will be provided with the alternate details.

L&L Construction Inc. submitted a base bid in the amount of \$413,790.00, with an alternate bid in the amount of \$87,231.82 for a total of \$501,021.82. A separate amount of \$342,552.00 was offered as an optional amount without a living space, as the building only.

WCA Construction submitted a base bid in the amount of \$730,000.00, with an alternate bid of \$138,300.00 with allowances.

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Cruzan Construction CO. submitted a base bid in the amount of \$351,160.00 for a building that would have an expedited delivery in June/July. A second bid was submitted with the base amount of \$363,160.00 with delivery in as soon as the foundation is complete as early as May. An alternate bid was submitted in the amount of \$54,053.00 with allowances.

The BOCC chose to postpone the final decision to allow the West Fork Fire Association board to review and weigh in. A special meeting was planned for February 8, 2022 at the Courthouse at 3:00p.m.

New Business

Adoption of Updating CORA Policy: Attorney Golbricht requested that the discussion be postponed, allowing review of newly released information.

Tower Agreement with Farmers Telecommunications: Attorney Golbricht shared details of a drafted tower release agreement. The history of the expired agreement with Farmers Telecommunications was reviewed. In a prior meeting a tower policy had been discussed, however, upon review of policies in other counties Attorney Golbricht did not think that a one size fits all policy would work well in this situation. The prior agreement was therefore revised. Farmers Telecommunications will be contacted regarding the drafted lease agreement.

HR/BOH Matter Regarding Public Health Director Vacancy and Possible Executive Session: The issue was discussed during Executive Session.

Department of Interior Recommendations for Renaming Certain Dolores County Locations: The Department of the Interior will hold a meeting on March 21, 2022. The BOCC will have a regularly scheduled meeting that day but will attempt to have staff join.

Old Business

Social Services Building Construction Issues Discussion and Possible Executive Session: The issue was discussed during Executive Session as potential litigation.

Executive Session

Attorney Golbricht requested an executive session pursuant to CRS-24-6-402(4)(b) for the purpose of receiving legal advice from counsel regarding potential litigation issues. It was Golbricht's opinion that the matters constituted privileged attorney client communication, therefore no recording or minutes would be kept. The Board entered into an Executive Session at 10:49 a.m. The Executive Session ended at 11:47 a.m. No action was taken as a result of the Executive Session.

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Commissioner Cook adjourned the meeting.

Floyd L. Cook

Chair to the Board of County Commissioners

Joseph Gardner

Deputy Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners

